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CONTROLLING A CENTRAL IP BUDGET AVAILABLE TO A

SUBSCRIBER IN A PACKET-BASED

COMMUNICATION NETWORK DURING ONLINE CHARGE ASSESSMENT WITH LIMIT MONITORING OF DATA

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry on this Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.